Production target of ITI, Palghat

1374. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the production target of ITI, Palghat during the last three years;

(b) whether the same has been achieved, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the expansion proposals presently there in ITI?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The production targets of Palghat Unit of ITI for 1987-88, 1986-87 and 1985-86 were 85,000, 71,750 and 45,000 exchange lines respectively.

(b) The production was 85026 lines in 1987-88, 55026 lines in 1986-87 and 33883 lines in 1985-86.

(c) The expansion project involving establishment of production of Digital Trunk Automatic Exchange (60,000 lines), Rural Automatic Exchange (50,000 lines) and Private Automatic Branch Exchange (50,000 lines) is under implementation.

As per the detailed project report, the expansion programme is scheduled to be completed by 1989-90. It is hoped to adhere to the schedule.

Popularising Solar Cooking

1375. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where cooking by solar cooker has been introduced through Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) whether such system has been introduced in Orissa;

(c) if so, the steps taken to popularise the solar cookers in those States; and

(d) what are the other States which have taken interest in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) A scheme for the sale of Solar Cookers with Central Subsidy has been introduced in all the States and Union Territories in the country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Solar Cookers are being popularised through demonstration-cum-training programme, exhibitions and advertisements in press etc. Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territory of Delhi have taken keen interest in the implementation of Solar Cooker Programme.

Caprolactum Plant in Rourkela

1376. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd. (IPICOL) has applied to his Ministry for the grant of a letter of intent to set up a caprolactum plant at Rourkela;

(b) if so, whether the IPICOL has been granted letter of intent;

(c) what would be the total cost of the project; and

(d) by when that plant is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The project cost indicated in the application is Rs. 270 crores. Decision on such projects are taken based on various techno-economic considerations.